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WORLD'S-1903-FAIR.

EMINENTLY PROPER.

It was an act of thoughtful courtesy

on the part of the Royal Yacht

Club's representatives now in this

country to suggest that the first

between Shamrock II and Columbia

for the America's Cup be postponed

till Thursday, September 26, in respect

to the memory of the late President

McKinley.

The suggestion is one that must

have come from the visitors, and

the tone of the official communication

in which it was conveyed to the New

York Yacht Club testifies to their

sympathy with the American people

at this time of national sorrow.

The incident is in keeping with the

spirit of friendship existing

between the nations represented

in the contests for the America's Cup.

The consequent postponement of the

first race will be approved by American

public sentiment. There will also be

an even kinder feeling created for

Shamrock II and those solicitors for her

success as a cup challenger. If the

America's Cup is to be won, there is

no Briton to whom it will be more

valuable than to Sir Thomas Lipton,

sailing under the colors of the Royal

Yacht Club.

AT THE COLISEUM.

Not one St. Louisan in ten thousand

will be able to attend the funeral

of President McKinley in Canton

Thursday afternoon. Much as citizens

would like to pay tribute to the

virtues of the distinguished dead, it will

be impossible for them to do more than

send representatives to the last service.

In deciding to hold memorial services

at the Coliseum, the gentlemen in charge

of the arrangements have made it

possible for St. Louisans as individuals to

recall the life of the President whose

death struck down so suddenly. The

quest in which he was held in this

city should find its utterance in filling

the immense building to the utmost

capacity.

That meeting will be appropriate

testimony to the feelings that animate

every person in St. Louis. Mr. McKin-

ley's purity in life and his fortitude in

death have left their impress upon the

nation. His Christian courage and his

consistent living as a man are above all

his party triumphs. In commemorating

these qualities citizens will be exalting

the principles that make for national

peace and comfort.

Let the Coliseum be filled to-morrow

at 2 o'clock, the hour of the services.

AN IMPORTANT SHOWING.

When on Saturday next Chief Archi-

tect and Director of Works Taylor

books were conned diligently for days

before the night of contest. Champions

were the heroes of the counties. As a

result poor spellers in Indiana were the

exception.

Now, according to the business man,

poor spellers are the rule. Mr. Fowler

claims that it is difficult to obtain com-

petent stenographers because of faulty

spelling.

It is this tendency that the Nebraska

teachers will endeavor to correct. Spell-

ling will again have a prominent place

in the school courses. Superintendent

Fowler would have the old-fashioned

spelling school encouraged over all the

State. He will have the thanks of the

business man.

WORK FOR ST. LOUIS.

It is distinctly recognized by all citi-

zens of St. Louis at this time that the

first duty of citizenship is that of ac-

tive participation in the movement to

insure the modernizing of St. Louis to

the high standard demanded by its

present classification as a World's Fair

city.

There can be no trifling with this

duty. We have invited all the world

to visit St. Louis in 1903. We have un-

deraken to celebrate, by means of an

international exposition, the centennial

anniversary of the purchase of the

Louisiana Territory, of which St. Louis

is the metropolis.

In accepting this great task we neces-

sarily pledged ourselves not only to

present an adequate World's Fair for

the world's inspection, but to make St.

Louis beautiful, attractive and comfort-

able for visitors to the World's Fair. If

we fail to do this, St. Louis will be

injured, not benefited, by the final result.

A serious obstacle to municipal im-

provement has developed in the Muni-

cipal Assembly of St. Louis. An ob-

structionist Combine has been organ-

ized in the House of Delegates, the pur-

pose of which is to prevent the legisla-

ture necessary to municipal improve-

ment unless the Combine is allowed to

control a large share of municipal pat-

ronage.

This Combine can work disaster to St.

Louis and to the World's Fair. It is im-

perative that its evil schemes be de-

feated. Mayor Wells is opposing the

Combine with all the power at his com-

mand. Every good citizen should up-

hold him in this course. Every local

newspaper which hopes for the New St.

Louis should uphold him and help to

crystallize public sentiment against the

Combine. It is not a party question.

It is a question of the general welfare.

The Republic has thus far been

obliged to fight almost single-handed

against the Combine evil. It has re-

ceived intermittent assistance from one

or two afternoon newspapers. The

Globe-Democrat has studiously re-

frained from taking a helpful part. It

could well afford to join the good move-

ment. It will fail in the performance

of its public duty if it does not. The

Republic urges this matter upon the at-

tention of the Globe-Democrat. It does

so in behalf of the public good.

SANDOW'S PLAN.

Eugene Sandow, the strong man, be-

lieves that the human race is degenerat-

ing physically. He sees little in the

average human but a deterioration in

physique that should be arrested. His

convictions have found expression in a

convention of English strong men.

According to the plans of Sandow,

medals will be distributed to the best

developed men in every county. In or-

der that no suspicion of profit to him-

self may be aroused, he provides that all

the entrance money shall go to the fund

for the widows and orphans of the war.

the Good Roads movement. Its success

means more to the farmers than the

winning of any war. The advance that

is made when the agriculturist is in

immediate and constant touch with the

markets of the world is a wonderful

one. The money value of his products

is increased by a large percentage. He

is placed in daily communication with

the mails.

A stretch of model road will be built

for the instruction of the delegates in

attendance at the Nashville convention.

Road overseers and county commis-

sioners will receive the best informa-

tion regarding first-class highways.

There is no dispute about their advan-

ce. If the Nashville convention suc-

ceeds in arousing the State to activity

the chief ends of the association will

have been accomplished.

IT INTERESTS US.

There is much that is interesting and

encouraging in the Naval Bureau of

Construction's report of the progress

made during August in the building of

the many vessels now under course of

construction for the further strengthen-

ing of the American Navy.

This report shows that good progress

has been scored in the building of four

battleships, four armored cruisers, five

protected cruisers, three monitors, six-

teen torpedo-boat destroyers, nine tor-

pedo boats and five submarine torpedo

boats. This is a formidable exhibit and

indicates how earnest is the national

determination to maintain the navy at

the proper standard of modern sea

power.

St. Louisans and Missourians in gen-

eral may well take an especial interest

in the reports of naval construction

progress. The battleship Missouri is

one of the four battleships now being

built. The building of the protected

cruiser St. Louis is shortly to be begun.

Both will probably be completed and

placed in commission for service before

the dawn of the World's Fair year.

They will naturally figure among the

factors that help to advertise the

World's Fair City and State to the

world.

Was the St. Louis Globe responsible

for the murder of Governor Goebel in

Kentucky? It seems to believe that it

was. Is it working up the assassination

of Governor Dockery? It seems to be-

lieve that its frenzied outcries about a

"looted" School Fund and election

frauds will lead directly to the catas-

trophe. If the Globe is honest in the

theory that Democratic newspapers had

something to do with the awful deed

which has shocked the country, its em-

bittered falsehoods in Missouri consti-

tute it an assassin in intent. It could

not be honest in the theory without

meaning assassination in the false-

hoods.

At the memorial meeting in the

Coliseum to-morrow the citizens of St.

Louis, regardless of party divisions,

will unite in a touching tribute of re-

spect to the memory of the dead Presi-

dent.

Chicago's Midway was a cheap fake.

St. Louis's \$3,000,000 ethnological

exhibit at the World's Fair of 1903 will

be one of the most notable scientific

achievements of the Twentieth Century.

Before the Combine gets through

with its obstructionist fight in the

House of Delegates it may realize that

an honest Mayor and an aroused people

are a hard combination to whip.

If old Job were alive and had to con-

front the overwhelming sea of fall pub-

lications he would not again wish that

his enemy might write a book. That